

**To:** Rueda, Helen[Rueda.Helen@epa.gov]  
**From:** Owens, Kim  
**Sent:** Fri 3/28/2014 7:02:51 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitator

Hi Helen,

I don't recall that formal facilitation was a "must have" for the state, but they seemed very inclined in that direction. Meanwhile, I'm not sure it's an either/or issue on an outside facilitator. Have we fully explored using EPA's office of dispute/conflict resolution and their resources? We started down that road long ago, but am not sure where we left it. I'll look for the prior emails.

**From:** Rueda, Helen  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 10:48 AM  
**To:** Owens, Kim  
**Subject:** FW: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitator

Hi Kim

What is your recollection of the meeting with Ecology. I don't think they were obdurate about requiring a facilitator, but I recall they were very intent on it. Do you think I should try to fight this out with Dan? I'm OK if the facilitator is an R10 employee, but it seems like a good facilitator could be very helpful.

**From:** Opalski, Dan  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 4:58 PM  
**To:** Rueda, Helen  
**Cc:** Croxton, Dave  
**Subject:** Re: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitator

Helen --

Sorry, I am catching up. Based upon the way in which Ecology made the request -- not a have to have, is what I heard -- and given my own and I think the Tribe's level of appetite for something more than facilitation "lite," I would not be inclined to go to an outside facilitator. If we can't find someone to help internally I'd probably prefer to do without and essentially end up playing somewhat of a facilitator role myself.

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**From:** Rueda, Helen  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 4:31:52 PM  
**To:** Goodin, John; Monschein, Eric  
**Cc:** Croxton, Dave; Furtak, Sarah; Keating, Jim; Opalski, Dan; Owens, Kim  
**Subject:** Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitator

Hello John and Eric,

On our call last week with Washington State Ecology the state requested that the next Pend Oreille meeting, which will include the Kalispel Tribe, have a facilitator. Our region has disinvested in its facilitation program because of budget constraints, so our resources are limited. Are there sources of funding that HQ could point us to which could be used for an outside facilitator for this meeting?

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